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NEWS RELEASE

PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Placer County Treasurer-Tax Collector Jenine Windeshausen announced that the property tax bills for the 2001-2002 fiscal year have been mailed.

Windeshausen indicated that there are 124,493 tax bills for taxes and voter approved special assessments and charges totaling \$340.24 million.

Windeshausen noted that a new automated phone system is in place, and available to assist customers 24 hours a day. Customer Service Clerk's are also available during regular business hours to assist taxpayers.

Again, this year the property tax statements will include an insert for contributions to the Children's Trust Fund, the Library Trust Fund, and the Open Space and Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund. Children's Trust Fund contributions are used to support the Child Abuse and Abduction Program (CAPE) in elementary schools and for other child abuse prevention programs. Library contributions go to purchase resource materials for all County Libraries. And, contributions to the Open Space and Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund are used to purchase, protect and maintain open space in Placer County in conjunction with the County's Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program. Last year's contributions totaled over \$16,000, with more than \$6,200 going to the Children's Trust Fund, \$4,800 going to the Library Trust Fund, and \$ 5,200 going to the Open Space and Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund.

The first installment of taxes must be paid by Monday, December 10, 2001 to avoid penalties. The second installment must be paid by Wednesday, April 10, 2002 to avoid penalties. Payments not made by these delinquent dates will be charged an additional ten-percent. Payments remaining unpaid after July first accrue additional penalties at the rate of one and a half percent per month, or eighteen percent annually.

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